

Jackson House
Rockaway, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owner: Marie A. Foster

Date of Erection: About 1800

Architect:

Builder: Probably Stephen Jackson

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Main part three stories; wing two
and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick and stone

Exterior walls - frame construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel on main unit;
pitch on wing

Historical Data:

The Jackson family came originally from Massachusetts by way of Hartford and Long Island. The first Jackson at Rockaway was Joseph who was born in 1710 and died 1769. He was a General in the French and Indian War. Both he and his wife are buried at Rockaway. Among his children was Stephen born in 1744 and died in 1812. Stephen served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War. We believe that this Stephen was the builder of the present house.

When Stephen died he left over 750 acres of land to his sons; one of these sons was Joseph to whom descended the piece of land upon which this house stands. It is easily possible that Joseph built the house shortly after he received the land in 1812. From Joseph the property descended to his son Stephen by deed dated 1883. Mary Jackson daughter of Stephen was the next owner and it was from her that the present owner purchased in 1885.

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